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News

Ben, DL6RAI has become SK

Ben was working on the tower at the house in Aruba. They were busy replacing towers. At a certain moment the tower buckled and Ben, who was attached with a safety belt, was left hanging in the air. They cut the cables and brought him to the ground and performed CPR. Police and ambulance were called out but in vain. A doctor pronounced Ben SK shortly afterwards. May Ben P4/DL6RAI Rest in Peace.



VP66 Ducie Island – Ground breaking Remote Operation

This will be the first full DXpedition utilizing the RIB concept that features a large number of remote operators with a small footprint on a remote island. Four RIBs (Radio In a Box) will provide a total of 5 stations capable of 24/7 operation on 10 bands.

The RIBs feature complete stations capable of up to 1 kW in a weather-tight housing that allow remote operation. These RIBs were developed with support from Northern California DX Foundation. The goal is to enable a new, minimum impact operating mode for environmentally sensitive areas. RIBs also speed up the installation of stations. This will enable our small three-person team to build the five stations, including antennas, in a relatively short time.

All donations should be made to the Northern California DX Foundation. Ducie island is No 56 on Club Log's most wanted list. On the 6 meter band it is No. 26, therefore given we will be active during the E season, a special focus will be placed on 6 meter operation with gain antennas and a power amplifier. Additional details and the list of operators, as well as regular updates will be posted on the VP6A QRZ.com page.



MM0UKI Isle of Rockall, EU-189 –update

Rockall Island DXpedition final update from Emil DL8JJ before the team meet in Glasgow, Scotland to sail to the island hoping to land at the end of May.

PS: Keep an eye the boat tracker once the SV Taeping leaves port on May 26th.

W8S Swains Island –update

It's happening: Swains 2023 is on! Although it was silent for quite some time, we were still working on the project and are happy that we can now announce that the contract with Alex Jennings is in our hands. Alex Jennings is the proprietor of Swains Island and providing the logistic support for the DXpedition.

The DXpedition to Swains Island will take place in the autumn of 2023. The governmental ship Manu'atela is booked for our trip.

We will arrive on Swains Island the 4th of October and will depart the 17th of October 2023.

Four new members are in our team because some couldn't join due circumstances. The team still consist of 10 international operators. The operators are: DJ9RR (Heye), DL2AMD (Rainer), DL6JGN (Hans), KO8SCA (Adrian), NG7M (Max), PA2KW (Evert), PA3EWP (Ronald), PA4WM (Martin), PA5X (Johannes) and PG5M (Gerben). We will keep you informed of the status via our website <http://swains2023.com>, Twitter @swains2020 and Facebook (Swains 2020).

DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

4U, ITU GENEVA A team with ON5UR, ON6AJ, ON8AZ and RW3AH will be operating as 4U100Q0 during May 18-20. This is the first time that there will take a QO100 activation take place. Also active as 4U1A.

5U, NIGER Giorgio, IU5HWS is once again active as 5UA99WS until June 15. Focus on FT8 but also SSB from 40 to 10 meter. QSL OQRS via EA5GL, LoTW.

5Z, KENYA Vladimir, UA4WHX is operating as 5Z4/call from Maralal. Operation on HF using mostly CW. Length of stay is unknown. QSL via home call, direct only.

6Y, JAMAICA Pavel, CO7WT is operating as call/6Y until begin August. Pavel is on a business trip but is QRV during his spare time from 40 to 6 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via IK2DUW, direct or bureau, LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Vincent, HB9VCJ is QRV as 8Q7VJ from Cocoon Maldives Resort until June 4. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

CO, CUBA Members of the Expedition Group and Competitions Pinar del Rio will be operating from Province Pinar del Rio between May 18 and May 22 as T41DX. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via RW6HS direct.

HBO, LIECHTENSTEIN Rene, DL2JRM is active as HBO/call until May 21.

J5, GUINEA BISSAU Carlos, CT2GQA is operating as J5JUA until end May. Operation on 15-10

meter using mostly FT8. QSL via home call.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again operating during his spare time until May 20 as call/JD1. Operation mainly using CW with some FT8.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Stian LB5SH, Bjorn LA1UW, Tor LA3WAA and Kristoffer LB0VG will be active OJ0/calls between May 20 and May 27. Operation with 2 stations from 80 to 4 meter using CW, SSB and digital.

OY, FAROE ISL Alberto, IW1PRT will be active as OY/call during his spare time between May 22-25. Operation on 10 and 12 meter using SSB, FM and FT8. QSL via LoTW and QRZ.com.

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will be operating as P40W between May 23 and May 30. An entry in the CQ WPX CW contest is included. Operation mostly using CW on all bands during his spare time. QSL via N2MM and LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Once again, W5JON will be active as V47JA between May 23 and June 7. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

V6, MICRONESIA Look for V63WJR in 'holiday-style' on 15, 12, 10 and 20 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 until September. '*I operate at my pleasure and as my time permits (meaning when i am not snorkeling, surfing, scuba diving, or working on my boat).*' QSL via WA7WJR, LoTW

V7, MARSHALL ISL Bob, N7XR is operating as V7/call until end June from Kwajalein Atoll.

Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via OQRS.

VP9, BERMUDA Darrell, AB2E will be active as VP9/call between May 24 and May 29. Operation primarily during the CQ WPX CW contest. Before and after the contest you can find him from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct OR LoTW.

Coming up soon

9H, MALTA Look for YT4RA and YT7AW as 9H6WPX during May 25-29. Operation on all bands and all modes. An entry in the CQ WPX CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

D4, CAPE VERDE Oliver, DJ5QW will be active from Sal Island as D4CW and D44DX between May 30 and June 13. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau.

JW, SVALBARD Rafal, SQ9CNN will be active as JW/call during May 26-28. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via SP9FIH.

TF, ICELAND Dervin, PD9DX will be operating as TF/call between May 29 and June 9. Activity on HF using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via M0URX.

V2, ANTIQUA A team with K4UEE, K5PI, W5SJ, W5MJ and W5MF will be active as V26MJ during the CQ WPX CW contest. Before and after the contest they will sign V26MJ via W5MJ, V26MF via W5MF, V26RC via K4UEE, V26GB via K5PI, V26BP via W5SJ.

VP2E, ANGUILLA Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN will be operating as VP2EAQ and VP2EAR from May 25 until June 1. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

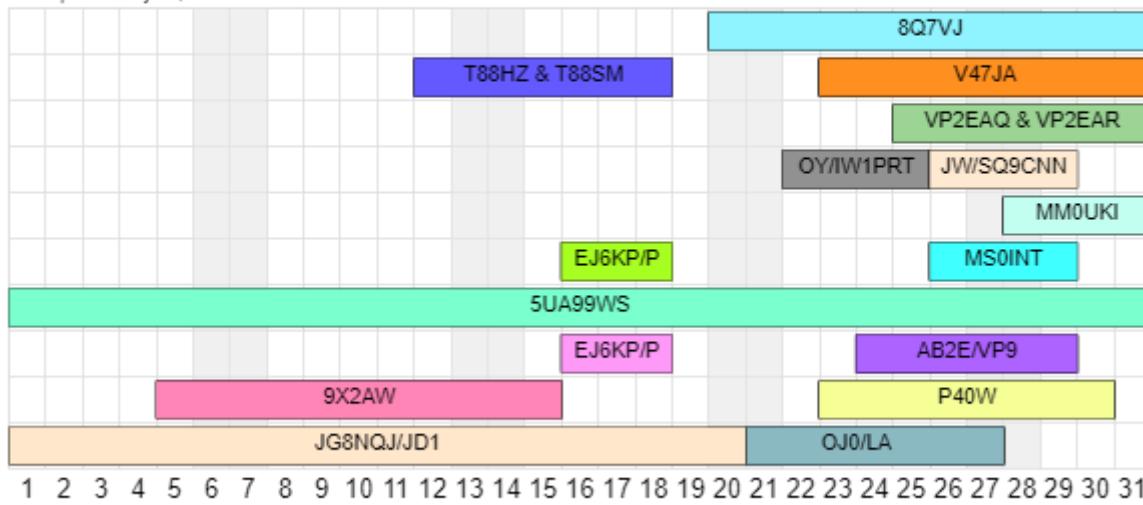
Z6, KOSOVO Rene, DL2JRM will once again be active as Z68XX between May 25 and May 29. QSL via home call.



DXCC Timeline

FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: May 15, 2023



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MAY

IK8LOV Max Laconca

IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

IOTA tour / Timor Leste

Rudi, DK7PE got in touch to say he's currently visiting and activating some Indonesian islands as **YB9/DK7PE**. He mentions that May/June he will probably be in Dili, East Timor and QRV from there (IOTA OC-148) using wire antennas and 100w.

AS-200 Shodo Isl Take JS6RRR will once again be QRV as JI3DST between May 23 and July 5. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via QRZ.com information.



EUROPE

EU-032 Oleron Isl The Charente DX Group is active as TM4O until May 21. A team with 4 operators F5LOW, F5MNK, F5NBQ and F6HKA is active on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-249 Vieques Isl Manuel, WP4TZ will be active as WP4TZ activating POTA, SOTA and BOTA. Check his facebook and twitter for updates. QSL via LoTW, QRZ.com.

OCEANIA

OC-067 Huahine Isl Didier, F6BCW will be operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity during May – October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

OC-237 Gili Ketapang Isl Huzen, YE3BYE/P is QRV until May 21. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

Pohnpei, Micronesia (V6)



Coming up soon

EUROPE

EU-008 Isle of Tiree

EU-108 Treshnish Isl

On May 26th – after picking up Emil DL8JJ and Nobby G0VJG from the airport and dropping them off at their departure point for [MM0UKI Rockall EU-189 DXpedition](#) – Col MM0NDX and Jonathan MM0OKG will then head back to Glasgow airport and take a flight to the Isle of Tiree EU-008 and be QRV as MS0INT until May 29th. Activity on higher bands (17-6m) using monoband vertical dipoles and a portable 6m quad. QSL via LoTW.

'There is a small chance they may try activate the neighbouring Treshnish Islands EU-108 for a few hours but this will depend on weather and will very much be a decision made on the day (possibly May 28th). Will update..'

EU-189 Isle of Rockall The Rockall expedition is now scheduled to leave from Inverkip Marina, Greenock, Scotland May 26. This is a charity event (details below) and the plan is to spend a week on the rock. Amateur Radio operation is planned for part of the stay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

A2, BOTSWANA

V5, NAMIBIA

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA

Steffen, DL1SX is travelling with a 4x4 through South Africa, Namibia and Botswana from mid-June until mid-July. Operation during his spare time as ZS/call, V5/call and A25SX.

8R, GUYANA Jamie M0SDV and Philipp DK6SP will lead a team of young and enthusiastic operators on an exciting 10-day DXpedition in Guyana 8R (Callsign TBD). The team will consist of four members, including their close friends Sven DJ4MX and Tomi HA8RT, who share their passion for amateur radio and DXing. The DXpedition will take place between 14th February 2024 and

24th February 2024, during which the team will cover a wide range of bands from 160m to 6m, including WARC bands. However, they will not be operating on 60m due to licensing restrictions.

V6, MICRONESIA Miki, JJ2CJB will be operating as V63CB during the CQWW SSB contest (Oct 28-29). QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

VP6, DUCIE ISL VP6A will be on the air from Ducie Island (OC-182) from June 10 to June 24, 2023 (actual dates will be subject to WX). There will be five stations on the air on all bands from 160 to 6 meters, working CW, SSB and FT8.

Following the successful test of remote operations at [FO/AA7JV](#), where over 11,000 remotely operated QSOs were made by five remote operators, VP6A will apply this concept to a full rare island DXpedition.

A total of 14 operators based in North America, Europe and Asia will operate land based remote controlled stations around the clock. There will only be three local operators at Ducie: W6IZT, KN4EEI and AA7JV. This small team will set up and maintain the stations and operate locally from the nearby boat. They will visit the island once a day to refuel the generators and do any necessary maintenance. In line with the minimum foot-print concept, there will be no camping on the island.

Faroe Islands, OY



THE REMINDERS

Pacific Tour by Uli DL2AH

KH0, MARIANA ISL Rota Island August 31-September 14 as KH0/call

KH2, GUAM September 16-30 as KH2/call

V7, MARSHALL ISL October 3-15 (call pending)

V6, MICRONESIA October 18-30 as V63AH

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

7Q, MALAWI On a missionary effort, but a lot of time devoted to amateur radio, Bill K4CD and Jerry W1IE will be visiting Malawi during June 21 to July 3. Providing support at the Embangweni Mission Hospital which also has a radio shack nearby (pictured), look for them as 7Q7WW from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via W1IE.

8Q, MALDIVES Vincent, HB9VCJ will be active from the Cocoon Maldives Resort, Ookolhufinolhu, Lhaviyani Atoll, Maldives as 8Q7VJ. Dates not yet known, but the license (issued by Communications Authority of Maldives) stipulates the period May 20 to August 8. More to follow.

9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO Vlad, OK2WX will be active as 9Q3WX between August 15 and September 3. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IZ8CCW.
<https://www.mdxc.support/9q3wx/>

9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO 6-18 September are the dates for the Italian DX Team's operation from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Seven operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CKR, IK2HKT and IV3ZXQ) will be active as 9Q1AA (SSB, CW and RTTY)

and 9Q1ZZ (FT8 F/H) with at least four stations on 80-6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8, 160m CW and FT8, 20 metres RTTY. They will also be active via the QO-100 satellite. <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/9U,BURUNDI> Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

C2, NAURU Look again for C21TS in late July to August 2023. Plans are on track for a longer and better equipped operation. More news expected soon.

CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

E6, NIUE Michael, DF8AN will be operating as E6AJ between November 3 and November 10. Operation on HF using CW and digi in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the Dxpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

Back in time...E44QX Palestine 2016



F00, CLIPPERTON ISL The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <https://clip.pdxq.net/>

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A large team with F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ will be active as TX7L from Hiva Oa Island during November 4-19. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via F6EXV or Club Log OQRS.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON The next trip to FP by KV1J is planned for June 27 until July 11. QRV in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

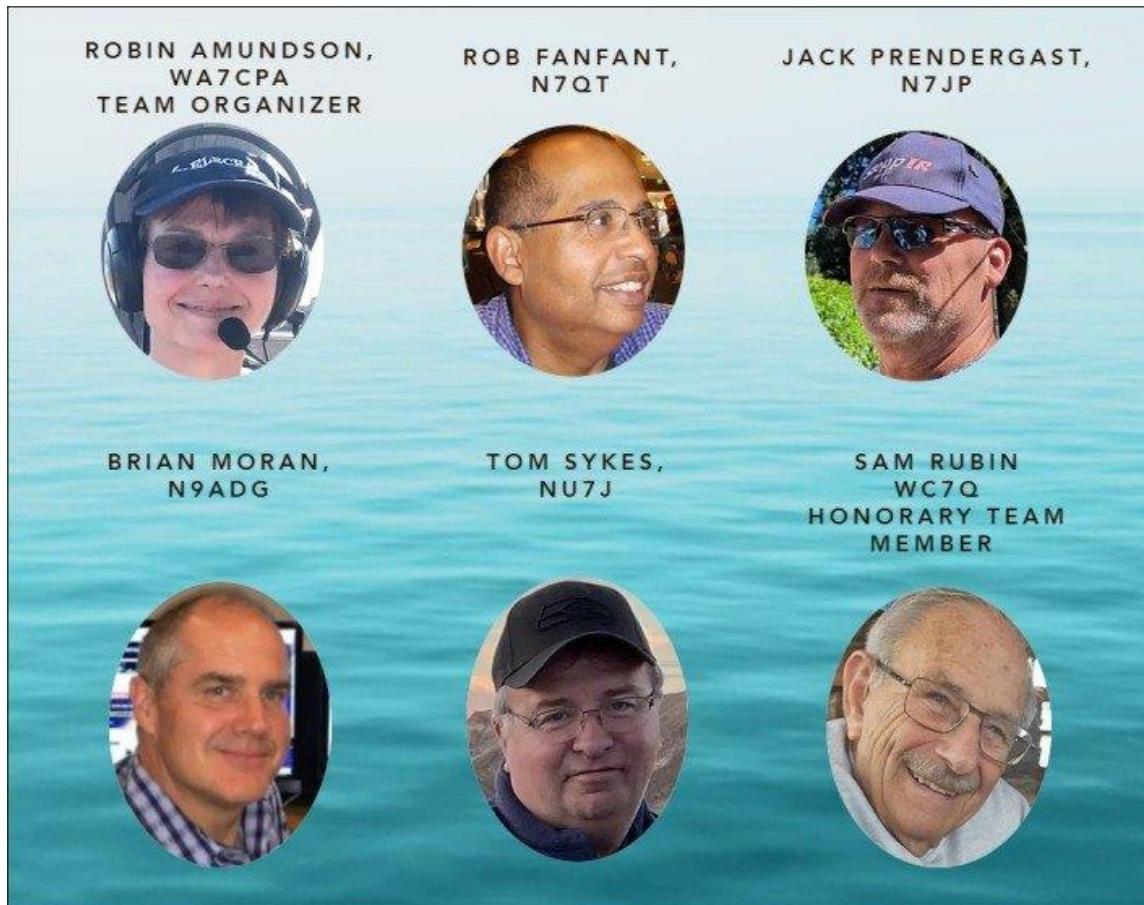
FS, ST MARTIN The next TO9W will take place from November 26 until December 8. The 2023 team includes K9NU, N9EP, FS4WBS, W9AP and K9EL. Operation on all bands and all modes with focus on low bands and CW. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Real-time upload via Club Log, LoTW or via W9ILY direct. <https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

H4, SOLOMON ISL A team of Washington State amateur radio operators will be active as

H44WA in March 2024. More to follow. <http://www.h44wa.com/>

H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next DXpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA between November 15 and November 29. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. [Temotu 2023 DXpedition – Intrepid DX Group \(intrepid-dx.com\)](#)



KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again sometime 2023.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Sebastian DG5CST, Roland DK4RC and Norbert DL4DTU as OJ0ME between June 18 and June 24. Operation on 2m 2 X 9 El. 500 W, 70cm 3m dish 500 W, 23cm hope for license, 13cm 3m dish 75 W, 9cm 3m dish 75 W, 6cm 1,8m dish 60 W, 3cm 1,8m dish 60W.

OY, FAROES Thomas DC8TM and Martina DF3TS will be active as OY/calls between June 25 and July 5. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Look for PJ5/PA4O and PJ5/PE6Q between July 6 and July 18. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the IARU HF Championship is included as PJ5C. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

PJ6, SABA PJ6DX callsign recently added to the QRZ.com database by Tom KH0/KC0W. This will be a CW DXpedition. More to follow.

S7, SEYCHELLES A team with G3WPH, G4IRN, G4PVM and GD4XUM will be active S79K during the CQWW DX CW contest (November 25-26). Outside contest active as S79/homecalls.

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI After the T30UN DXpedition to Tarawa, W. Kiribati, the Rebel DX Group will be making a return visit to Kanton island and QRV as T31TT starting June 1st for approximately 10-12 days.

T8, PALAU Yoshi JR3QFB (T88JH), Miyo JO3LVG (T88MK) and Hiro JM1LIG (T88FM) will be active from the Palau Radio Club / Shack during September 12 and September 18. QRV on HF bands using various modes. QSL via homecalls.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith, GM4YXI (both previously A35V, V6Z, VK9CZ, ZK2V) will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XGM during November 21 to December 5, 2023. Two stations active on SSB/CW. Also one station active on FT8 or FT4. Multi-two entry in the CQWW CW Contest 2023.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl during June 23-29. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP9, BERMUDA Dave, G4OSY will be active from Hamilton Parish between June 27 and July 8 as VP9/call. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB with some CW. QSL via home call.

YJ, VANUATU A team with NC7M (YJ0TT), K6VHF (YJ0NA), W6UC (YJ0UC) and NG7E (YJ0ET) will be QRV from Port Vila in October 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME.

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15. More to follow.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

IOTA

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-039 Commander Isl A team with R7AA, UA7A, UA6EX and RM0F will be QRV as RI0Z between August 18 and September 1.

AS-107 Samet Isl E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

EUROPE

EU-064 Noirmoutier Isl Look for ON6ZV, ON6OM and ON7EG as TM4IPA between June 17 and June 23. F/ON4IPA and F/OO6P will also be used from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and digi. More on [Untitled Document \(qsl.net\)](#)

NORTH AMERICA

NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will be operating between September 15 and September 21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter depending free space for antennas. Call is pending. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

Lighthouse

FR-0014 Berck-sur-Mer Look for a German team as TM0BSM during August 16-21. The team with DJ8EI, DL1DCT, DL8KR, DK5OPA, DL5KA and DJ5KX will be QRV on HF and QO-100 (CW/SSB). QSL via LoTW only.

Special calls

THE REMINDERS

5H, TANZANIA 5H100TC is the special callsign that TA1HZ, currently stationed in Tanzania and active as 5H8HZ, has been granted to use during 2023 in celebration of the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA 9A66AA is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES The national ham organisation EARS runs the special event station A60AP with additional designators /0 to /15 to mark their country's astronaut programme:

A60AP/0	Op. A61Y	QSL: EA7FTR
A60AP/1	Op. A61M	QSL: A61BK
A60AP/2	Op. A61Q	QSL: EA7FTR
A60AP/3	Op. A61FK	QSL: A61BK
A60AP/4	Op. A61BK	QSL: A61BK
A60AP/5	Op. A61DD	QSL: EA7FTR
A60AP/6	Op. A61QQ	QSL: A61BK
A60AP/7	Op. A61AY	QSL: DIRECT
A60AP/8	Op. A65GC	QSL: DIRECT
A60AP/9	Op. A61ZX	QSL: IZ8CLM

A60AP/10 Op. A65BR QSL: DIRECT
A60AP/11 Op. A61NN QSL: EA7FTR
A60AP/12 Op. A65GD QSL: Direct
A60AP/13 Op. A65GJ QSL: Direct
A60AP/14 Op. A61FJ QSL: LZ1YE
A60AP/15 Op. A61DI QSL: EA7FTR

They remain active until the end of August. (TNX DXNL) For more information see:

https://www.mbrsc.ae/service/astronaut_prog/

DL, GERMANY Special event callsign **DM23BUGA** will be active from 9 April to 8 October. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. The suffix stands for "Bundesgartenschau", the biennial horticulture show and festival that this year will take place in Mannheim. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DR45HAAN** is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45th anniversary until September 30. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DR100XRAY** commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV until the end of June. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Special callsign **DR0LIMES** will be active between 1 April and 30 June for this year's German World Heritage Day (4 June). The "limes" was the border line of the Roman Empire at its greatest extent. In 2005, the remnants of the Upper German-Raetian Limes were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list as "Frontiers of the Roman Empire". (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...The W8S Swains 2023 team at Dayton



F, FRANCE Franck, F4DTO, and Patrick, F4GFE, mark the 350th anniversary of D'Artagnan's death with the callsign **TM350DA** until the end of September. An award is also available: Bronze = QSOs on 3 bands, Silver = QSOs on 4 bands, Gold = QSOs on 5 bands, Platinum = QSOs on 6 bands. For more information see qrz.com. QSL via F4GFE (d/B).

G, ENGLAND Celebrating the 85th anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club (<https://www.g4foc.org/>), special callsign **GB85FOC** will be used by a number of different members during the month of May. QSL via G3SWH's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND Radio amateurs in the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies may use a special Regional Secondary Locator on 1 May-30 June to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III (alternatively, they can append the suffix "/23C" to their callsigns). The RSL - i.e. the second letter in the existing callsign (**D, I, J, M, U** and **W**, plus E for Intermediate licences) - may be replaced by the letter '**R**'; where no RSL exists, the letter '**R**' may be added. Club Log will map all the GR/MR/2R callsigns to England, unless a callsign exception exists for the station. A number of awards will be available; see <https://rsgb.org/coronation> for the details. Also taking part in the celebrations will be a number of GB special callsigns, including stations from England (GB0KCC, GB0KCH, GB1KC, GB2KCC, GB3KCR, GB4HCC, GB4KC, GB4RLS), Jersey (GB3KCJ) and North- ern Ireland (GB0KC, GB8KC, GB8KCC, GB9HRH) to name a few. QSL, if any, via operators' instructions. (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND GB2KC marks the coronation during May and June.

GU, GUERNSEY To mark the 19th Island Games, look for **GB5IG** from Friday 7th to Saturday 15th July, on 80 to 10m, SSB, FT8/FT4, and some satellite work, including QO-100. There may be some CW activity too. QSL will be via LoTW, or direct only to GU8ITE.

Once every two years, thousands of athletes from across the globe — from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, the North Atlantic to the Caribbean and South Atlantic — come together to compete in the NatWest International Island Games. In 1985, as part of their Year of Sport, the Isle of Man set in motion an ambitious plan to bring together athletes from small islands across the world to take part in a new sporting festival dubbed the 'Inter-Island Games'.

700 sportsmen and women from 15 islands landed on Manx soil for what the UK national press called the 'Small Islands Mini Olympics'. Competitors hailed from the Faroe Islands and Scandinavia in the northern hemisphere, the British Isles, the Mediterranean and as far afield as St Helena in the South Atlantic—a 5,000-mile trip.

I, ITALY Celebrating the centenary of the Italian Air Force (28 March 1923), a large number of special callsigns will be active from 20 March to 20 June: **II0AQN, II0BPL, II0CMP, II0FRO, II0GUI, II0LAT, II0MVV, II0PDM, II0RMC, II1CAM, II2MIL, II2VNG, II3AFT, II3AVI, II3BLN, II3GOR, II3IST, II4PNF, II5PIS, II5PON, II6PES, II7BRI, II7LEG, II8RCL, II8REG, II8VVL, II9CMS, II9CTF, II9CVT, II9PAB, II9SIG, II9TMM, IO5LUT, IO9MAR, IY1TO.** (TNX 425DX)



I, ITALY Ninety-five years ago (25 May 1928) the airship "Italia" crashed on the ice on its way back from the North Pole, and a small tent dyed red for maximum visibility was the only shelter for the survivors. Commemorating the role of radio (and amateur radio) in rescuing the Red Tent survivors, special callsign **II1ITR** will be active on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and CW from 25 May to 12 July. QSL via IZ1ETD. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/II1ITR> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Novara will be active as **II1CAI** from 15 February to 30 June. The

special callsign memorizes the 100th anniversary of the local section of the glorious Club Alpino Italiano (the Italian Alpine Club, founded in 1863). QSL via IQ1NO. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

May: **II4GNV**; GENUA: switch on of the lighting system in Sidney by means of a radio beacon (1930)

June: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895)

July: **II4SPZ**; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)

August: **II4GAR**; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932

September: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931)

November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

December: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)

For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

Rowley Shoals, OC-230 (VK)



LA, NORWAY **LA100K** is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ78KA** (May and June), **LZ1015RW** (July and August), **LZ288MS** (September and October), and **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Members of UBA Liege will be active as **OP20CW** on 1-31 May. QSL via ON5VL (bureau) or direct via ON6YH; the logs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and eQSL. The special callsign celebrates the 20th anniversary since the UNESCO General Conference adopted the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Activity will have a special focus on CW, because the Morse code has been recognized as Masterpiece of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation's Oral and Intangible Heritage since 2021. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Members of UBA Mechelen (ON4MCL) will operate special event station **OS23SOM**

on 1-31 May in celebration of Special Olympics Belgium's annual National Games, this year to be held in Mechelen on 17-20 May. A certificate will be available, details will be published on <https://www.qrz.com/db/OS23SOM>. (TNX 425DX)

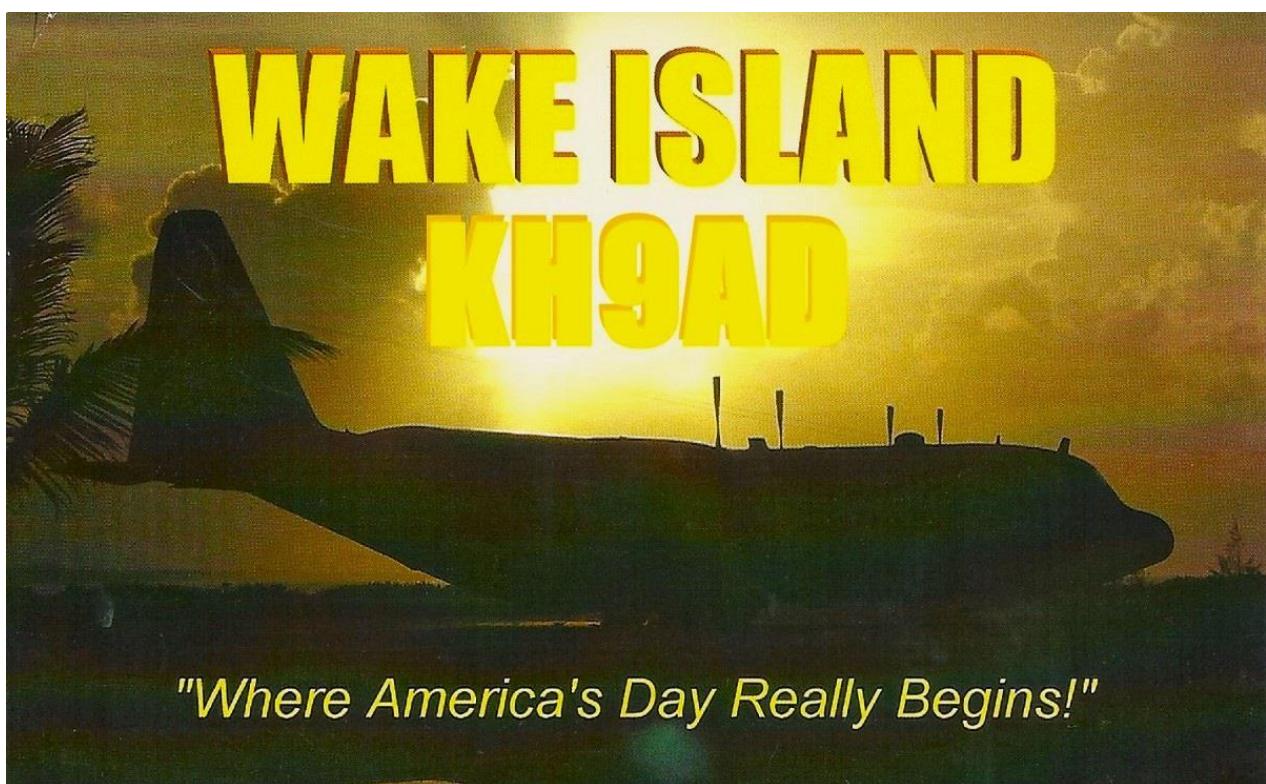
ON, BELGIUM OT20CW draws attention to efforts to recognise Morse Code as an UNESCO heritage. QSL via ON6YH, LoTW, Eqsl.

ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <https://hamlog.online/club/rcl/713> (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM OT2023EPIC is the special callsign for the Pajottenlandse Radio Amateur Club (ON4PRA) to promote the sixth edition of the Antwerp Port Epic cycling race. Look for activity between 22 April and 21 May (the actual day the race will be held on). (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS On 5 May 1923 the Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies opened officially the two-way telegraphy radio service from Radio Malabar (callsign PKX) to Radio Kootwijk in the Netherlands (callsign PCG). Celebrating the 100th anniversary of those pioneer stations in the field of long-range long-wave telegraphic communication, special event stations

PA100K, PA100M and **PA100PCG** will be active from 5 May to 30 June. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Also taking part in the celebrations will be special event station 8A100K from Indonesia (5-13 May). A certificate will be available; detailed information can be found on <https://radioclublimburg.nl/mk/index.html>. (TNX 425DX)



PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Dutch Navy Radio Amateur Club (MARAC) will participate during the Museum Ship Weekend this year from the former minesweeper Abraham Crijnssen, which is moored on the Navy Museum in Den Helder, Netherlands. The special call sign **PA37AC** will be used. The MSW will be held from Saturday, June 3, 00:00 GMT to Sunday, June 4, 11:59 p.m. GMT. Other participants and further information can be found on the website <https://www.nj2bb.org/museum/>

The MARAC will soon issue an award, dedicated to the special history of the Abraham Crijnssen. More information will be soon available on the MARAC website, see <http://www.marac-radio.nl/>

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85th anniversary with the callsign PA85TP during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ (pd5enj@msn.com). (TNX DXNL)

SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA is the special callsign for the Västerås Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's QRSS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY Celebrating the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey

(29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100**, **TC100TA**, **TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

VE, CANADA CK3WEJ, operated by Dave, VE3WEJ, celebrates King Charles' coronation. All Canadian amateurs may use special prefixes between May 5 and July 2. QSL via LoTW.

VK, AUSTRALIA VK100ZL celebrates the first trans-Tasmanian radio contact between New Zealand and Australia in 1923. QRV until the end of 2023. **ZL100** will be active between April 26 and July 25.

VK, AUSTRALIA VI2023HRH operates around King Charles' coronation during May. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI10VKFF is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (<https://www.wwffaustralia.com/>). It will be used from Australian Parks until the end of 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via VK5PAS (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VR, HONG KONG In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" until end June.

VU, INDIA Look for **AU40NRO** to be active from 1 April to 30 June to celebrate The 40th anniversary of the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR). QSL via VU2NRO. (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA The special event station **AT2G20** operates from March 3 until June 2 in the context of the G20 summit to be held in India in September 2023. QSL via VU2UUU (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

XE, MEXICO 4A9O is the special callsign to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Club de Radio Experimentadores de Occidente (XE1TD), founded on 25 May 1933. Look for activity between 1 April and 30 May. QSL via LoTW only. (TNX 425DX)

XE, MEXICO 4BOT will be used until the end of June. "As its name implies, it is a semi-automated station or bot that uses the WSJT-Z program", Ramon XE1KK says. "The goal of the experiment is to test different scripts of the program while pointing the antenna in unusual directions and at different times". 4BOT will primarily operate on 10 and 12 metres FT4, and on 6 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW only. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA YR1400VT is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 30 June 2023 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The Serbian Amateur Radio Union in the Vojvodina celebrates its 75th anniversary with the callsign **YU75SRV** throughout 2023. QSL via Club Log, eQSL, qrz.com.

ZB, GIBRALTAR Look for **ZQ2HRH** until end May to mark King Charles's coronation. (TNX DXNL)